

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an optical scanning apparatus which has a light modulating element capable of changing the propagating state of light, an illuminating optical system for illuminating
5 the light modulating element with light, and a scanning optical system for scanning the light from the light modulating element, the scanning optical system having a light deflector for selectively
10 deflecting a beam of the light from the light modulating element which propagates in a predetermined direction, and which is made more compact than in the prior art.